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TO DISCUSS PLANS WHITEWAY MEETING FOR LOCAL Y. M. C. A. MONDAY MORNING

CITIZENS' MEETING TO BE
HELD AT CIVIC CHAM-
BER MONDAY NIGHT.

NO DONATIONS
TO BE SOLICITED

Promoters of Undertaking will
Merely Outline Plans for
Raising Funds.

A few earnest workers who have decided to launch a movement looking towards the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association in Columbus gathered at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night, but the meeting had not been extensively advertised, and, after an informal talk, it was decided to hold another meeting Monday night, which every citizen who has the welfare of the young men of the city at heart is invited to attend.

No subscriptions will be asked for at the meeting which is to be held Monday night, but several gentlemen who are deeply interested in the matter will deliver short addresses with the view of impressing upon their hearers the urgent need for a Young Men's Christian Association in Columbus. Tentative plans which leaders in the movement have formed for raising funds will be outlined, and there will be a full and free discussion of the matter, it being the desire of the promoters to hear from all citizens who may have suggestions to offer.

At the various churches of the city the pastors will in their morning sermons today direct special attention to the movement for a Young Men's Christian Association which is now in progress, and this evening the importance of the undertaking will be stressed at a union service which is to be held at the First Methodist church with that end in view.

Promoters of the movement are not discouraged by the failure of previous efforts to establish a Young Men's Christian Association in Columbus, and intend to do everything in their power to bring success to the movement now on foot.

GERMAN FORCES ARE DRIVEN BACK FIVE MILES AT VERDUN

COLUMN OF SOLDIERS TWENTY
MILES LONG LOSES CONSID-
ERABLE GROUND.

Telegraphic advices received here late last night state that a column of German soldiers twenty miles long has been driven back a distance of five miles at Verdun.

The news was received over the cotton wire of the Postal Telegraph Company, and is believed to be thoroughly authentic, as this company never sends out any fake information.

In forcing such a large body of soldiers back a distance of five miles the Allies have gained another signal victory, and the news was joyfully received by the anti-German element not only in Columbus but throughout the country.

Will Give Subscription Dance.

The young men of the city will entertain with a subscription dance at Lake Park Monday night from 10:30 to 2:30 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Princess Theatre orchestra. The list is now at Lide's drug store, and the public is cordially invited.

Friends of Hon. B. A. Weaver, the efficient and popular president of the Columbus National Bank, who has been ill at the McKinley Sanitarium for several weeks past, will rejoice to learn that he is improving and will probably be out within the next few days.

Mrs. George Ridings and son, Elbert, of Haleyville, Ala., will return home today after a short visit here. They will be accompanied home by Miss Alice Ridings who will visit for a week in Haleyville. During her absence her place of business will be managed by Miss Ellie Wilkerson.

Prof. T. E. Lott, who attended the normal at the A. and M. College will return home on July 15 and will take charge of a private class here

IMPORTANT MATTER TO
BE DISCUSSED BY CO-
LUMBUS CITIZENS.

GATHERING SHOULD
BE WELL ATTENDED

Plan Submitted by Columbus
Railway, Light & Power Co.
Will Be Discussed.

Every man who owns property or conducts a mercantile establishment in the business district should attend the meeting which is to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Monday at 11 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the question of establishing a White Way on Main and Markets streets.

The movement looking toward the establishment of a White Way system in Columbus was inaugurated some time ago by Mr. J. G. Weatherly, the efficient secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and he has secured from the management of the Columbus Railway, Light & Power Company a very liberal proposition regarding the installation and maintenance of the system. This proposition will be discussed in detail at the meeting Monday morning, and the advantages which merchants will gain from the installation of the service will be thoroughly explained to them by representatives of the company.

Columbus has been a little backward in establishing a White Way system, and action in the matter should be no longer delayed. In order to be up-to-date we should by all means have a system of this character, and it is to be earnestly hoped that at the meeting Monday morning definite plans for its establishment will be formulated.

AMERICANS UNDER PERSHING SURROUNDED BY MEXICANS

STRATEGY OF GENERAL TREVI-
NO IS LAUDED BY HIS
COUNTRYMEN.

Mexico City, July 1.—The foreign today issued a memorandum in reply to Secretary Lansing's recent note in which the correctness of the assertions in the communication from Washington were repeatedly denied. The memorandum declares that the United States had no right to maintain its armed forces on American soil.

Emphatically reiterating the Mexican government's position denying the right of the United States to keep armed bodies in Mexico, the memorandum denies energetically that the Mexican government has protected bandits who had committed depredations in the United States and defies Washington to produce proof of the assertion.

The memorandum, containing 35 counts, was not in form of a direct reply to the Washington note, although it is considered equivalent to an answer to that document. It expresses surprise that the Washington government should have been pained at the tone and contents of the Carranza document, since it maintains that the United States has sent to the Constitutional government not only one but many discursive and even overbearing notes.

Blame for the Santa Ysabel massacre is placed on the so-called impulsive and irascible disposition of Charles Watson, general manager of Cushman's Company; and General Scott and General Funston are accused of bad faith and lack of honor in misleading General Obregon in an alleged evasive reply regarding the crossing of troops into Mexico after the Glenn Springs raid.

The memorandum asserts that while it is true that the United States arrested Huerta, the motive which prompted this act was not a purpose of aiding the Constitutional government, but because the United States feared that General Huerta was plotting with Germany.

The note concludes by saying that the presence of American troops in Mexico invites rather than prevents bandit raids along the border.

In part, the note is as follows: "The United States has undertaken to abuse the terms of the agree-

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First Martian: "Well, there's still one white spot, Bill!"
—Farr in New York Evening Telegram.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER
THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A
BRIEF FORM.

The First Mississippi Regiment now mobilized at Jackson, is just about ready to move to the border, and Lieut. R. B. Pickering, the mustering officer, is about ready to flash a message to Gen. Wood in Washington, to that effect.

Capt. and Mrs. Elwood Lloyd arrived at Natchez Wednesday after a 3,480-mile canoe trip from Maryville, N. Y. They are en route to New Orleans in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the first advent of white men in the section of the country near Maryville. On arrival at New Orleans the canoe will be presented to the Southern Yacht Club and the voyagers will return by rail.

"Due to urgent requests for officers on account of organization and border duty" is the cause given by Major General Leonard Wood when he ordered the southern military training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., disbanded. He said applicants for admission to the July classes could be transferred to Plattsburg. Viscount Redding, Lord Chief Justice of England, with the black cloth by tradition called a cap, spread over his head, and his two associates in scarlet gowns, likewise black capped, pronounced the sentence of death for high treason on the Irishman, Sir Roger Casement, Thursday afternoon, half an hour after the foreman of the jury in a shaking voice, gave the verdict of guilty.

A dispatch from Bucharest says that the only munitions factory in Roumania has been totally destroyed. The destruction is laid to a plot of German and Bulgarian agents. All the machinery in the plant and millions of shells were destroyed.

Revised reports at department headquarters indicate that 15 men and officers of troops C and K are missing. Of this number General Trevino reported 12 killed. The records show that 47 men and one officer have returned to the American lines. The total list when the expedition started was 87, including a Mexican and a Mormon serving as guides.

K. of P.'s Elect Officers.

The members of the Tombigbee Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias, on last Tuesday night elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: B. W. Noland, C. C.; C. M. Reeves, V. C.; H. T. Barham, president; Fred Hayslett, M. of W.; C. W. Golden, M. of A.; J. S. Marshall, I. G.; George O. Senter, O. G. The officers will probably be installed on next Tuesday evening.

SMITH SUCCEEDS PRES. HIGHTOWER

EDUCATIONAL LEADER
HEADS STARKVILLE
INSTITUTION.

BOARD MAKES NO
OTHER CHANGES

Both Powers and Whitfield
Are Re-elected to Present
Positions.

The board of trustees having in charge the three leading educational institutions of the state, the University of Mississippi, the A. and M. College and the Industrial Institute and College, met at Jackson yesterday, and the most important action taken was the election of State Superintendent of Education W. H. Smith to succeed Hon. G. R. Hightower as president of the A. and M. College.

Hon. J. N. Powers was re-elected Chancellor of the University of Mississippi and Hon. H. L. Whitfield was re-elected president of the Industrial Institute and College. Hon. O. F. Lawrence of Grenada was re-elected secretary of the board and Hon. James McClure of the Alcorn A. and M. College was elected treasurer.

The action of the board in ousting Mr. Hightower from the presidency of the A. and M. College occasioned no surprise, as he opposed Gov. Bilbo in his campaign last summer, and it was known that the governor had made up his mind to cut off his official head. It is officially stated that the name of Mr. Hightower was not presented to the board and that the election of Mr. Smith as his successor was unanimous.

Hon. T. B. Franklin of this city is a member of the board, but sickness prevented him from attending the meeting held in Jackson yesterday.

MISSISSIPPI SHRINERS TO VISIT COLUMBUS SATURDAY

HAMASA TEMPLE PATROL WILL
GIVE DRILL WHILE IN
THE CITY.

Hon. R. A. Carson, a prominent Shriner of this city, is in receipt of a letter from Potentate Allen McCants of Hamasa Temple at Meridian, in which he states that about 209 Shriner will pass through Columbus on a special train Saturday, July 8, en route to Buffalo, N. Y., to attend

MAJOR R. W. MILLSAPS DIES AT HIS HOME IN JACKSON

WAS WELL KNOWN TO MANY
COLUMBIANS, WHO SINCERELY
LY REGRET HIS DEATH.

The death of Major R. W. Millsaps, one of Mississippi's best known financiers and philanthropists, which occurred at his home in Jackson, is generally regretted throughout the state and is a source of genuine sorrow to many local citizens who knew him personally. Major Millsaps was for several years president of the Monticello Assembly, and numbered among his friends many Columbians who during the past decades have summured there.

The following special from Jackson gives a brief account of his life and of what he has accomplished:

Major R. W. Millsaps, capitalist and philanthropist, died at his home here Wednesday night, aged 83 years. He was the best known financier of the state and probably the state's wealthiest citizen. Some 25 years ago Major Millsaps subscribed \$50,000 with which to establish Millsaps College in this city, and his total contributions to that institution aggregate more than half a million dollars.

Major Millsaps was a Confederate veteran, enlisting as a private in an Arkansas company. At the close of the war won a colonel's commission, but always preferred to be called major, in which position he spent most of his military career. Although a lawyer by profession, at the end of the war Major Millsaps engaged in hauling cotton from Copiah and Lincoln counties in Mississippi to the Mississippi river and in this capacity laid the foundation for his large fortune.

At the time of his death Major Millsaps had almost completely retired from active business connections, but still retained interest in probably a dozen of the largest financial institutions of the state, and was at the head of the Mississippi branch of the American Red Cross.

Major Millsaps leaves one daughter, Mrs. G. P. Fitzhugh, of Memphis, and Webster Bule, nephew, and Mrs. Harry Austin, niece, of Jackson. The two latter, although not legally adopted, were wards of Major Millsaps.

the annual convocation, and will spend one hour here.

The special train will arrive over the Mobile and Ohio railroad at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, and local Shriner are expected to be on hand to meet and welcome their brethren, each being requested to wear his fez.

The Shriner will be accompanied by the Hamasa Temple band and patrol, and a drill will be given in the business district while the delegation remains here.

WEST POINT PLAYS PHYSICAL TEST ON HERE ON JULY 4TH RIFLEMEN SEVERE

MORNING GAME WILL BE
ENJOYED AT LAKE
PARK.

LOCALS WIN
FROM ABERDEEN

Won Thursday's Game to 2
—Lost on Friday by score
of 3 to 1.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.
P. W. L. Pct.
COLUMBUS 10 6 4 .600
Aberdeen 10 6 4 .600
West Point 10 6 4 .600
Tupelo 10 2 8 .200

Baseball fans in both Columbus and West Point will be able to enjoy ball games Tuesday, July 4, one game being played here at Lake Park in the morning, and another at West Point in the afternoon. The schedule was arranged in order to have games in both cities on that day.

West Point opens a series here Monday afternoon and as both teams have the same standing there will no doubt be a large crowd out to see each game.

Two of the most exciting games of the season were played here Thursday and Friday between Columbus and Aberdeen, the locals winning the first by a score of 3 to 2, and losing the second by a score of 3 to 1. Stapleton's two-bagger in the seventh scoring Fuch won the first game for Columbus. In Friday's contest neither team received but four scattered hits. Neely was on the firing line for the Monroe county players, while Trenchard pitched for the locals.

Mr. John Humphries spent several days the past week in Birmingham on business.

CARRANZA DENIES RIGHT OF U. S. TO MAINTAIN FORCES

SAYS AMERICAN NOTES WERE
INSULTING AND OVER-
BEARING.

El Paso, Texas, July 1.—Carranza troops are still assembling in forces of menacing proportions on the south, east and west of Gen. Pershing's main positions of El Valle and Colonia Dublan. A Mexican column estimated at 2,000 men is reported at Guzman on the east, and just 40 miles south of Columbus.

A scouting party from Columbus is at present trying to locate the positions of a similar force which is said to have slipped through the passes of the Sierra Madre Mountains from Sonora. Naniquipa and all positions to the south which have been evacuated by the American commander, have been garrisoned and strongly fortified by the Mexicans.

The sum of this situation is that General Pershing has been forced into a position where his little army of 15,000 is likely to be attacked at any time from three sides by a force of not less than 50,000 men. If he moves in any direction, except to the north as Carranza has directed, he must fight.

These are not military secrets. They are facts known to every intelligent Mexican on the border, and they brag about the successful strategy of General Trevino at every opportunity.

The Mexican commanders along the border are convinced that there is going to be war, and are making active preparations for it.

Throughout the northern states there is a disposition to belittle the efforts of the first chief to prolong a diplomatic controversy between Washington and Mexico City.

At Nogales, Ariz., the Mexican commander, General Norza Garayzar, was so eager to start the fighting that he called upon the American commander, Col. W. H. Sagae, to make arrangements for the first battle. The meeting was held in the Mexican consulate on the American side of the border. Col. Sagae advised the Mexican officer to await instructions from his government, saying he intended to follow such a course unless fired upon from south of the border.

In Jaurez the feeling has not re-

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SOMETHING LIKE FORTY
LOCAL SOLDIERS FAIL
TO PASS.

LIEUT. G. B. EGGER
IS TRANSFERRED

F. M. Rushing of Biloxi Succeeds Him in Office With
Columbus Riflemen.

According to reports made by local citizens who returned yesterday from Jackson, about 40 members of the Columbus Riflemen have failed to stand the requisite physical examination, and unless exceptions are made in their favor by Uncle Sam, they will not be permitted to accompany the Mississippi troops to the Mexican border. The Columbians who visited the state capital were Maj. B. A. Lincoln, Mr. C. H. Terrell and Mr. Julius Marx, and Mr. Marx stated to a Commercial reporter yesterday that most of the boys who failed to pass the examination were very much disappointed and hoped ultimately to be accepted. Under the rules of the war department the examination papers of those who failed to pass will be submitted to the department heads in Washington for final consideration, and the exceptions to be made are up to these officials. In the event that a declaration of war against Mexico makes the demand for large forces urgent it is believed that the rules will be considerably relaxed and that many who were tentatively rejected on account of some minor physical defects will be finally accepted.

Mr. G. B. Egger, of Caledonia, who left here as first lieutenant of the Columbus Riflemen, has been transferred to a similar position with a company made up of recruits from different sections of the state, and has been succeeded by Lieutenant F. M. Rushing, of Biloxi.

Mr. Marx states that the health of the Columbians at Jackson is good and that they are all in fine spirits. They are all anxious to proceed to the border, but it is not yet known just when the Mississippi troops will receive orders to move forward.

NEGRO KILLS OFFICER NEAR CRAWFORD; POSSE PURSUES

ALSO TOOK SHOT AT PROMINENT
PHYSICIAN, BUT MISSED
HIM.

Sheriff John B. Williams last night received a telephone message requesting him to be on the lookout for Sam Pinkney, a negro who earlier in the afternoon killed Constable J. B. Parks near Crawford and later fired upon Dr. J. L. Bludsoe, a prominent physician of the same neighborhood, when the latter made effort to arrest him. This shot, however, went wild, and Dr. Bludsoe escaped without injury.

A posse was formed near the scene of the shooting to search for the negro, who after making good his escape started towards Crawford, and soon after the telephone message was received here a party made up of local officers and citizens scoured automobiles and started out to join in the man hunt.

Concert This Afternoon.

The following program will be rendered at Lake Park this afternoon by the Princess Theatre orchestra, from 4 to 6 o'clock:

March, Spirit of Independence; Selection, Il Trovatore; Nolette, Laces and Graces; Valse Lento, Charming D'Amour; Dance of the Harlequins; Tosta's Good-bye; Intermezzo, Dancing Starlight; Overture, Raymond; Drigo's Serenade; Medley, Sunny South; By request, The Rosary; Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. C. L. Egger, a member of the Columbus Fire Department, is enjoying a ten days' vacation. Mr. Egger and his wife left yesterday for Birmingham, where they will make a short visit.

Messrs. James G. Weatherly and W. C. Banks attended the hay growers' meeting in West Point yesterday afternoon.